

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amendments to the Claims

Please cancel claims 1 and 12 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof, please rewrite claims 2 and 5 in independent form, please amend claims 8 and 11, and add the new claims as shown below.

Listing of Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claim 1 (canceled)

2. (currently amended) A belt driving apparatus ~~as claimed in claim 1,~~
comprising:

an endless belt;

a plurality of belt tension supporting means for supporting said endless belt in
a tension manner; and

a driving means for driving said endless belt,

wherein at least one of said plurality of belt tension supporting means is a
steering roller which is tilted for compensating a meandering of said belt;

wherein said belt driving apparatus is provided with a meandering
compensation sensitivity adjusting means for adjusting a meandering compensation
sensitivity of said steering roller per an angle of incline; and

wherein said meandering compensation sensitivity adjusting means is a belt tension supporting means which moves along a carrying path of said belt provided in an upstream side in a driving direction of said belt with respect to said steering roller.

3. (original) A belt driving apparatus as claimed in claim 2, wherein the belt tension supporting means moving along said belt carrying path is a roller following to the belt.

4. (original) A belt driving apparatus as claimed in claim 2, wherein the belt tension supporting means moving along said belt carrying path is a sliding member.

5. (currently amended) A belt driving apparatus ~~as claimed in claim 1,~~
comprising:

an endless belt;

a plurality of belt tension supporting means for supporting said endless belt in a tension manner; and

a driving means for driving said endless belt,

wherein at least one of said plurality of belt tension supporting means is a steering roller which is tilted for compensating a meandering of said belt;

wherein said belt driving apparatus is provided with a meandering compensation sensitivity adjusting means for adjusting a meandering compensation sensitivity of said steering roller per an angle of incline; and

wherein said meandering compensation sensitivity adjusting means is a belt tension supporting means which retracts from a carrying path of said belt provided in an upstream side in a driving direction of said belt with respect to said steering roller.

6. (original) A belt driving apparatus as claimed in claim 5, wherein the belt tension supporting means retracting from said belt carrying path is a roller following to the belt.

7. (original) A belt driving apparatus as claimed in claim 5, wherein the belt tension supporting means retracting from said belt carrying path is a sliding member.

8. (currently amended) A belt driving apparatus comprising:
an endless belt;
a plurality of belt tension supporting means for supporting said endless belt in a tension manner; and
a driving means for driving said endless belt,
wherein at least two of said plurality of belt tension supporting means ~~is a~~ are steering roller ~~rollers~~ which is are tilted for compensating a meandering of said belt, and
wherein a meandering compensation sensitivity is different from each other in said two or more steering rollers.

9. (original) A belt driving apparatus as claimed in claim 8, wherein rollers following to said belt are provided in an upstream side in a driving direction of said belt with respect to said two or more steering rollers.

10. (original) A belt driving apparatus as claimed in claim 8, wherein sliding members are provided in an upstream side in a driving direction of said belt with respect to said two or more steering rollers.

11. (currently amended) An image forming apparatus provided with a plurality of printing units, each printing unit comprising:
a photosensitive body;
a charging apparatus for charging a surface of said photosensitive body;

an exposure apparatus for exposing the surface of said photosensitive body;
and
a developing apparatus for forming a toner image on the surface of said
photosensitive body,
wherein the image forming apparatus comprises:
an endless intermediate transfer belt for conveying the toner image formed by
said plurality of printing units to a transferring position onto a paper;
a tension supporting means for supporting said intermediate transfer belt in a
tension manner;
a steering roller tilting for compensating a meandering of said intermediate
transfer belt; and
a meandering compensation sensitivity adjusting means for adjusting a
meandering compensation sensitivity of said steering roller per an angle of incline;
wherein said meandering compensation sensitivity adjusting means is a belt
tension supporting means which moves along a carrying path of said belt provided in
an upstream side in a driving direction of said belt with respect to said steering roller.

Claim 12 (canceled)

13. (new) A belt driving apparatus as claimed in claim 11, wherein the belt
tension supporting means moving along said belt carrying path is a roller following to
the belt.

14. (new) A belt driving apparatus as claimed in claim 11, wherein the belt
tension supporting means moving along said belt carrying path is a sliding member.

15. (new) An image forming apparatus provided with a plurality of printing units, each printing unit comprising:

- a photosensitive body;
- a charging apparatus for charging a surface of said photosensitive body;
- an exposure apparatus for exposing the surface of said photosensitive body;

and

- a developing apparatus for forming a toner image on the surface of said photosensitive body,

wherein the image forming apparatus comprises:

- an endless intermediate transfer belt for conveying the toner image formed by said plurality of printing units to a transferring position onto a paper;
- a tension supporting means for supporting said intermediate transfer belt in a tension manner;
- a steering roller tilting for compensating a meandering of said intermediate transfer belt; and
- a meandering compensation sensitivity adjusting means for adjusting a meandering compensation sensitivity of said steering roller per an angle of incline;

wherein said meandering compensation sensitivity adjusting means is a belt tension supporting means which retracts from a carrying path of said belt provided in an upstream side in a driving direction of said belt with respect to said steering roller.

16. (new) A belt driving apparatus as claimed in claim 15, wherein the belt tension supporting means retracting from said belt carrying path is a roller following to the belt.

17. (new) A belt driving apparatus as claimed in claim 15, wherein the belt tension supporting means retracting from said belt carrying path is a sliding member.